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Include Witness Training

Aids In Planning April Revivals Profuse, Varied

Approximately 45 associational evangelism chairmen have been trained in organizational procedures for the 1979 simultaneous revivals.

The revivals, planned in churches all over Mississippi in April of next year are an integral part of what is being called, "Good News Mississippi."

Good News Mississippi, according to Roy Collum, evangelism director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, "is a Bold Mission Thrust effort to reach the unsaved people throughout Mississippi in simultaneous revivals."

Much of the legwork for the revivals is being done right now in a number of Baptist associations which are par-

ticipating in ACTION campaigns. These campaigns are designed to enlist people in regular Bible study through the local church's Sunday School.



Additionally, the ACTION campaign discovers prospects for further witnessing efforts prior to revivals.

Good News Mississippi is a product of a committee of black and white Baptists in the state, headed by Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and Richard Porter, president of the East Mississippi Missionary Baptist Convention.

A meeting between Southern and National Baptist leadership is set for Oct. 2 at the Baptist Building in Jackson to move toward completion of plans for the revivals and their kickoff rally scheduled for March 23, 1979, at the Jackson Municipal Auditorium.

Featured speakers for the joint black-white rally will be W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., and Caesar Clark, pastor of Good Street Missionary Baptist Church, also in Dallas.

A variety of training plans and other aids have been set in advance of the April revivals. The other 30 associational evangelism chairmen will soon be offered organizational training by Roy Collum in Tupelo, Laurel, Batesville, Brookhaven, and Columbus.

Deans and faculties from the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, including its extension centers, will be given personal witness training at Clinton's Camp Garaywa on March 26-27.

Collum reported he is encouraging churches and associations not par-

ticipating in ACTION campaigns to have a People Search or hold a community survey in order to gather a listing of prospects.

The second Sunday of January is Witness Commitment Day in Southern Baptist churches. It is a special emphasis during which Baptists commit

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Skunk Holler

By Linda Lawson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — What do Sunrise and Sunset have in common?

Besides being times of day, they are the names of two of the more than 1,700 new Sunday Schools begun since Oct. 1, 1976, as part of a Southern Baptist effort to start 3,000 by Sept. 30, 1979.

In addition to selecting a site, enlisting leaders and knocking on doors to enroll persons for Bible study, one of the first things participants in a new Sunday School do is give themselves a name, said James Lackey, Sunday School Board growth consultant, who receives reports of new starts.

Not surprisingly, biblical and theological names are popular — Agape, Faith, Hope, Love, Corinthians, and Grace and Truth.

Animals and birds are the inspiration for some. There's Little Eagle, Possum Kingdom, Whale's Belly, Big Bear and Skunk Holler.

"Why" is the name of a new Sunday School in Why, Ariz. When asked, "Why did you name it Why?" the reply was, "Why would anyone want to come to a place so hot?"

Historical personalities have not been left out. Constantine, Lincoln and Napoleon are also Sunday Schools. So are bodies of water like Tongue River, Lake Majestic, Dripping Springs, Island Pond and Indian Wells.

Some names conjure up colorful pictures: Rainbow Canyon, Lower Light, Enchanted Chapel and Rim Rock.

One wonders if the Rocky Mountain, Pulaski Pike and New Mount Gideon West Sunday Schools are as hard to climb to as their names imply.

"Whatever its name, a new Sunday School reaches people," said Lackey. According to figures he has compiled, after one year a new Sunday School has an average enrollment of 60, an average attendance of 40 and has witnessed 10 conversions.

CAC Plans Attention On Pornography

Plans for conferences and seminars that have been adopted for 1979 by the Christian Action Commission also include plans to call more attention to problems concerning pornography and world hunger during next year, according to J. Clark Hensley, executive director.

During its semi-annual meeting this month the commission adopted a budget of \$86,646.

Provisions were made for family programs including conferences at Gulfshore. Projections call for three formerly married retreats to be Jan. 12 and 13 in Jackson, March 2 and 3 in Tupelo, and July 6, 7, and 8 at Gulfshore.

Family week will be July 2 to 6 at Gulfshore.

In addition the commission plans four sex education seminars, two parenting workshops, four marriage enrichment retreats, and four associational family life conferences.

There will be four seminars on human relations on as many college campuses during January. They will be one day each on each campus on Jan. 15, 16, 17, and 18.

The commission will seek to promote better citizenship and will make an effort to aid in the control of pornographic material, especially as it is available to minors. Plans are for a greater promotion of World Hunger Day in 1979.

Commission members endorsed a series of meetings that have been planned by the Bread for the World organization. These will be informational and educational meetings on world hunger problems, according to Hensley. This organization promotes fund raising for alleviating hunger with funds to be channeled through local congregation and denominational agencies, he said.

Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of First Church, Cleveland, is chairman of the Christian Action Commission.

Following the meeting of the commission the members and other guests were invited to a dialog session with T. B. Maston, retired professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Seminary. The group met at the Admiral Benbow Inn in Jackson and continued the meeting through lunch.

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Church Approves Tighter Rein On Beer At Fair

The following resolution was adopted by the Woodville Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, in business session September 6, 1978.

WHEREAS, There has been a growing concern for many years about the conditions at the state fair, and

WHEREAS, The concessionaires of beer have been increasing and selling beer to anyone who had the money, and

WHEREAS, The quantities of beer being sold have become so great that in recent years it was even sold in buckets to be sloshed over anyone who got in the way, and

WHEREAS, It has become so ridiculous that parents cannot take their children without being ashamed afterwards that they even went, and

WHEREAS, In recent years there is one fight after another between those who have had "too much" beer to drink, Now therefore be it Resolved, that the members of Woodville Heights Baptist Church wholeheartedly commend the Mississippi Fair Commission for tightening the restrictions on beer concessionaires.

Be it further Resolved, that we urge the Fair Commission to take into advisement the banning of all intoxicating beverages in the future from the fair grounds.

Quoted

Rated. — F. Jack Redford, director of the church extension department at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, told more than 2,000 participants at Home Missions Week at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center that Southern Baptist churches currently do well to equal the birthrate of their membership in new converts. Redford cited statistics which indicate "more than 100 million Americans are unchurched — lost" and noted that if there are 100 million unchurched and 100 million church, the "logical burden for the SBC is to reach 13 million more people." The SBC has members in 35,255 churches in all 50 states. It has shown a growth in membership every year since 1926. "In 1889, there was one SBC church for every 4,000 persons," he said. "The ratio is now one church per 6,000 persons. If we returned to the 1889 ratio of evangelistic penetration, we would need to start 15,000 new churches immediately."

Annie Armstrong Receipts 15 Percent Ahead Of 1977

ATLANTA (BP) — The 1978 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions is more than \$1 1/2 million above the same time last year, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board executive director-treasurer William G. Tanner told directors in September.

Offering receipts totaled \$11,871,836 on Sept. 12, 1978, or nearly 92 percent of the \$13 million goal to become the largest offering ever received for home missions.

Last year the offering reached 95 percent of the goal. Tanner said he hopes receipts this year, running nearly 15 percent ahead of last year, will come closer to the \$13 million goal set for funding of home mission projects.

During their September executive committee meeting directors also accepted the resignations of two leadership staffers, Max Burns and James M. Sapp, and appointed 57 persons to home missions service.

W. W. Boggan's Job: Magnify Local Church, The Redeemed

By Tim Nicholas

Missions director W. W. Boggan is always looking for a good handle. And one is usually available when Baptists get together to eat.

A recent dinner meeting provided Boggan with a ready audience to hear specific instances of personal involvement in mission work at home and abroad.

The audience gathered when Calvary Baptist Church, Waynesboro, hosted a Woman's Missionary Union-Brotherhood Supper and Bold Mission Rally, Aug. 29.

The program of the rally included reports of Wayne County Baptists who have been involved in recent mission trips to Ecuador, Costa Rica, and New Mexico.

It was the kind of meeting that helps Boggan to get his job done.

Boggan, director of missions for Wayne and Clarke Counties, is promoting what Southern Baptists are calling Bold Mission Thrust—doing ev-

erything he can to get people knowledgeable and involved in mission work.

Bold Mission Thrust is an attempt by Southern Baptists to make the gospel message available to everyone in the world by the end of the century.

The Ecuador group from Wayne was being replaced in September by a group from Clarke. "I didn't intend for Clarke County to go," said Boggan, "but they heard about what the others

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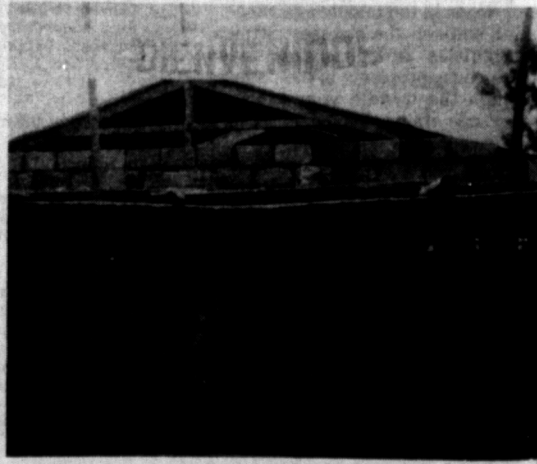


Besides doing construction work for the Baptist Church in Lago Agrio, the team began work on a church in a jungle community. On their first work day in Ecuador the group had nearly completed the tin roof and had finished the concrete floor so that the people could at least meet out of the rain.

The mission team (primarily from Wayne County) is pictured above in front of the James Gilberts' new home in Coca, Ecuador. First row, left to right: Mrs. Dottie Gilbert; Willie Gail Trigg and his wife Earle, Calvary Church, Waynesboro; Second row: Bob Sanderson and his wife Amy, Rocky Creek Church, Lucedale; Joyce and her husband Terry Irby, FBC, Wilmer, Ala.; Third row: Jimmy Knight, Calvary Church, Waynesboro; Aaron Wailes, FBC, Clara; Sammy Simpson of the Agricultural Mission Foundation; Walter Mills, Big Creek Church, Waynesboro; and Edward Wayne Pitts, Trinity Church, Waynesboro.

Photos by Jimmy Knight

Right is the First Baptist Church of Coca, a town of more than 8,000. During revival services there on Saturday evening, Aug. 18, there were more than 150 present. Many had to stand outside. A few got wet when it began to rain midway through the service. At the conclusion of that service, four adults and several younger children made professions of their faith in Jesus Christ.



Alaska Work Hardships Are More Than Spiritual

By Celeste Loucks

SELAWIK, Alaska (BP) — A vigorous, trusting faith is basic to Harley Shield, who packed his wife and six children to Alaska, determined to stay as Southern Baptist missionaries.

"It will take people who stay, who grow up with the natives," to have an effective ministry the Shields say.

Traveling by bush plane and snowmobile, the Shields cover about 25,000 miles each year, maintaining work in five villages located just above the Arctic Circle. In winter, they function amid temperatures hovering 30-40 degrees below zero. All year long they face a mission field hard to reach, sometimes unyielding. "Sunday after Sunday, nobody moves," says Martha Shield.

The couple lives in a three-room residence in the back of First Baptist Church in Selawik, one of a group of islands located east of the Kotzebue Sound. Martha keeps house without a dishwasher or clothes dryer, running water or plumbing, and the nearest grocery is 70 miles southwest in Kotzebue.

The couple has learned, like natives,

to adapt. A closet of assorted mittens, boots, hats, fur ruffs and parkas, shows they constantly hunt for warmer, more efficient clothes. Their work shows the same struggle, Says Shield, "We're experimenting all the time."

No superhighways or roads connect Selawik with the other mission sites: Kobuk, Kiana, Ambler and Shungnak, all perched on the banks of the Kobuk River. The Shields travel by plane — often taking off and landing on ice-covered lakes and rivers, and on short, snowy airstrips — or by snowmobile, with Martha in a sled behind.

At times, the Shields are overwhelmed by the needs. Much of their ministry involves alcoholics or borderline alcoholics.

But they express a deep appreciation for the natives. "They are not neurotic," Martha says. "They are such friendly, relaxed people."

Adds Shield: "They are friendly, they survive, they have stamina. In a spiritual sense, they have what it takes to come to grips. Out on the trail, hunt-

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Baptists Aid Victims Of Fires, War, Epidemic

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has appropriated \$35,000 for four projects, the largest a mosquito eradication project in Honduras.

Six Mississippi Baptist laymen are in Honduras this week participating in the project.

A major epidemic of dengue fever spread by the mosquitoes has struck 45 percent of the population of Honduras. The government has given Baptists clearance to do as much as they can to combat it, according to John R. Cheyne, associate to the board's consultant on hunger relief and disaster response.

Although not usually fatal, the fever causes 10 to 14 days of severe symptoms including a painful rash. Seven fatalities have been reported out of some 100,000 cases, Cheyne said.

Baptist relief dollars have purchased and airlifted to Honduras spraying equipment and chemicals for three large fogging devices to mount on trucks. Four teams of laymen will carry backpack fogging devices into remote areas. These men were told when they volunteered they had a 50 to 70 percent chance of contracting the fever.

In other appropriations the board voted to use \$10,000 for war relief in Lebanon where renewed fighting between Syrian peace-keeping forces and militia have resulted in hundreds of homeless families. At least half of this amount will be used in hunger relief.

A fire in a ghetto of Cali, Colombia has resulted in loss of life and property. Using a shortwave radio hookup, Foreign Mission

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Dinitz Pledges Effort To Clarify Israeli Law

WASHINGTON (BP) — A group of Baptist leaders expressed optimism that Israel's law forbidding Christians or others from offering "material benefit" for Israelis to convert to another faith will be clarified in the near future.

Their views came in the wake of a meeting with the Israeli ambassador to the United States on the eve of the historic peace summit convened at Camp David between Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

During the one and one-half hour meeting, Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz pledged to "put all my weight" behind efforts to stop harassment of Christians in Israel adversely affected by the law. He promised to work with highly-placed Israeli officials to seek clarification of the law's intent.

Dinitz also suggested that the Baptist group meet with him periodically to discuss any future abuses of the law.

The Baptist group included James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas; Robert C. Campbell, general secretary of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.; J. D. Hughey, secretary for Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia for the SBC Foreign Mission Board; William F. Keucher, pastor of the Covenant Baptist Church (American Baptist), Detroit, Mich.; and Melvin G. Cooper, executive director of the State Ethics Commission of Alabama.

Change Religion

The law in question was adopted earlier this year by the Israeli Knesset and took effect on April 1, 1978. It declares: "Whosoever gives or promises to a person money, money's worth or some other material benefit in order to induce him to change his religion or in order that he may induce another per-

son to change his religion is liable to imprisonment for five years or a fine of 50,000 pounds."

The law goes on to make it a criminal action as well for any person to receive money or other material benefit in return for a promise to change one's religion. The penalty for violation of that prohibition is a term of three years in prison or a fine of 30,000 pounds.

Baptists and other Christians, both inside and outside Israel, have persistently raised questions and registered misgivings about the new law since its passage, fearful that it would be interpreted as giving local officials sufficient leverage to persecute Christians and prevent them from engaging in ministries to people which might be interpreted as offering material inducement for conversion.

Several reports from Israel in recent months indicate that in some instances local officials have reacted in just that way. The result has been a growing protest both inside Israel and around the world against the Israeli law.

CAC Plans

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The format for the dialog was determined from a list of 30 questions that was furnished each of the participants. Of interest were the Arab-Israel conflict, church and state, euthanasia, the equal rights amendment and women, world hunger, inflation, Christian lifestyle, and tax revolt.

Additionally Maston gave particular attention to "an essential question in the life of all of us," knowing the will of God. He gave four factors to the determination of that will. They were the human ability to think, the sense of "oughtness," human resources, and divine resources.

Broadmoor Commissions Missionary Couples

Dedication services were held at Broadmoor Church in Jackson recently for two missionary couples with ties to that church.

John and Sarah Perkins have been appointed for work in France, and Karl and Peggy Wallace have been appointed for work in Peru. Sarah is the daughter of David R. Grant, the pastor of the church, and Mrs. Grant. Peggy is a native of Jackson who grew up in Broadmoor Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Vaughn.

Sarah was born in McComb. Her early youth was spent in Louisville, Ky., and Burgin, Ky., while her father was attending Southern Seminary and the pastor of the church at Burgin. Her early school years were spent in Drew, though she spent most of her childhood in Jackson and was graduated from a Jackson high school. She is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary.

John Perkins is a native of Montgomery, Ala., and a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. At the time of the appointment of the couple by the Foreign Mission Board he was pastor of First Church, Eudora, Miss.

They are the parents of a son, John Luther Perkins Jr.

Peggy attended Jackson public schools and was graduated from Murrah High School in Jackson. She is a graduate of Mississippi State University and attended Southwestern Seminary.

Karl Wallace is a native of Magee, but he also attended public schools in Jackson. He is a graduate of Missis-



Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion

St. Petersburg, Fla. (RNS) — The Danny Thompson Memorial Award for "exemplary Christian spirit in baseball" has been awarded to Andre Thornton, power-hitting first baseman of the Cleveland Indians. He has long been active in the Baseball Chapel, an interreligious agency which provides services for major add minor league baseball teams before Sunday games.

Pikine, Senegal — Southern Baptist missionaries Paul H. and Peggy Grossman recently opened a new Baptist Center in Pikine, Senegal. Pikine is about eight kilometers from the capital city of Dakar. The Baptist Center is the first evangelical witness of any kind in this city except for one Senegalese Christian who lives there.

Guayaquil, Ecuador — About 175 young people from Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia and Venezuela met here for the second annual Baptist youth encounter led by guest speakers Rudy Hernandez, a Mexican-American from Texas, and Edgar Zea, Ecuador's first home missionary. The week-long meeting for young people ages 15-30 was a "time of spiritual renewal and dedication," said Floyd B. (Pat) Patterson, missionary and national Baptist youth advisor for Ecuador.

Washington (BP) — David M. Walters, President Carter's personal envoy to the Vatican, has resigned, according to Vice President Walter F. Mondale. A spokesman in Mondale's office said that Walters resigned "about two weeks ago to make sure that the post is open in light of the fact that there's a new pope."

Gulfshore Schedule

Here's the schedule for Gulfshore Baptist Assembly through November. Some of these dates can accommodate other groups. Groups interested in using the facilities, contact Frank Simmons, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571, or phone 452-7261.

Sept. 29-31, William Carey College BSU, Jones County Junior College and Edgewater Baptist Church retreat;

Oct. 6-8 First Church, Jackson, singles retreat;

Oct. 20-21 University Church, Hattiesburg family retreat.

Nov. 10-11 Keeler Protestant retreat, Salvation Army retreat;

Nov. 17-18 First Church, Wiggins;

Nov. 24-25 First Church, Belle Chase, La. retreat;

Nov. 29-Dec. 2, National Student Ministries; state BSU directors.



The Perkins



The Wallaces

Pastors' Retreat Is Set For Oct. 23-25

Effective pastoral leadership and church planning are among the topics to be discussed during the pastors' retreat set for Oct. 23-25 at Clinton's Camp Garaway.

Roy Honeycutt, dean of the school of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., will lead participating Mississippi pastors in Bible study throughout the retreat.

Carl Savell, pastor of Jackson's Woodville Heights Baptist Church, will lead in a series of skill development sessions with "Growing a Loving Church." Another session led by Savell will be "Leading your church in an Effective Prayer Meeting."

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will lead a session on "Courage for the Journey."

Tom Larrimore and Bill Clark, Jackson music evangelists, will lead the music. And a number of Convention Board and Sunday School Board employees will also lead sessions.

Other skill development sessions include such topics as "Reaching People Through Planning," "Calendar Planning and Scheduling," and "Planning a January Bible Study."

Registration will be at 1 p.m., Oct. 23. The first session begins at 1:30. The retreat will close on Wednesday with the noon meal.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will provide the total cost of the retreat except for \$1 insurance fee. Registration information should be sent to Leon Emery, Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or phone 354-3704.



Larrimore

Savell

W. W. Boggan's Job: Magnify Local Church, The Redeemed

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Edward McKeithen, former pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Wayne County, had gone to Ecuador to help put up a sawmill (actually, according to Boggan, he supervised construction of a dam and two sawmills). Boggan served as McKeithen's interim, working to get the people excited about the work there.

Also, James Gilbert, missionary to Ecuador, had his last pastorate at Clara Baptist Church in Wayne County. "The stage was set when Brother Gilbert came home this time (on furlough)," said Boggan. Both Gilbert and McKeithen made presentations to churches about the needs in Ecuador.

Boggan, who spent 16 years working with the Indians in Oklahoma before he came to the two associations in 1969, said he tries to make use of handles as he finds them.

Last summer Calvary church in Waynesboro took about 20 of its members to Danville, Ind., to construct a church building and hold Vacation Bible School and revival.

"These people were really on fire," said Boggan. A deacon told Boggan that the Lord was calling him to do something. So Boggan made the man,

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission voted to expand the agency's work in three areas of moral concern, enlarged the assignments of two staff members and voted a record budget during its annual meeting.

It elected John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., as its chairman.

During the next year, the Southern Baptist Convention's social concerns agency will give increased emphasis to television and morality, world hunger and alcohol education.

The commission added the title of associate executive secretary to the duties of Harry N. Hollis Jr., the agency's director of family and special moral concerns since 1969, and



Claypool

changed the title of public relations director, Floyd A. Craig, to director of public relations and development. Craig, who joined the commission in 1967, spent a recent study leave examining foundations and possible foundation grants.

After hearing a call from Executive Secretary Foy Valentine for Southern Baptists to include "Bold Doing" in the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust venture, commission members approved a 1978-79 budget of \$531,000, an increase of \$69,000. It includes a seven percent cost of living increase for staff salaries.

"Southern Baptists are a great and strong body of Christians now about to enter the 1980s under the banner of Bold Mission Thrust (the SBC plan to proclaim the gospel of Christ to the entire world in this century)," Valentine declared. "That banner thus far has been interpreted to include 'Bold Going,' 'Bold Growing' and 'Bold Giving.' It would be a great mistake for South-

ern Baptists not to find ways to include 'Bold Doing' in this program."

The commission voted to sponsor regional "Bold Doing" conferences in at least seven states during the next year. Primarily designed for pastors, the conferences will focus on ways Southern Baptist churches can apply the gospel of Christ to current social concerns.

The commission also passed resolutions urging prayer for peace in the Middle East and opposing the proposed rewrite of the Communications Act of 1934. It also asked the staff to seek ways to focus attention on needs of the Hispanic population and deal with the current educational crisis including the current inroads of parochial education on public schools.

Southern Baptist churches were challenged to set aside a special time during worship services on Sunday, Oct. 8, to pray for peace in the Middle East. The resolution was approved in response to a joint call for prayer and peace issued by U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin from their summit conference at Camp David, Md.

The resolution on the communications act encouraged Southern Baptists to communicate opposition to the proposed legislation to their elected representative in Congress on grounds the bill would provide substantial deregulation of the broadcasting industry at the expense of the public welfare.

The commission presented its 1978 Distinguished Service Award to Sarah Frances Anders, professor and chairwoman department of sociology, Louisiana College, Pineville. Dr. Anders, the first woman to receive the honor, also delivered the annual major address to the commission, addressing herself to the plight faced by Americans in the middle age range.

She outlined the stresses, strains, ambiguities and changing styles which cause problems in the passage through the middle years toward senior age status, but emphasized a positive note.

"As secular as society seems to be, I sense that as an age group we're neither as self-conscious nor as obnoxious about our religion as past generations," she continued. "Many of us are able to be comfortable without being complacent in our spiritual enterprises. For instance, I see in Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust an opportunity for intelligent advance, not measured by buses, bricks, budgets or brochures — but with changed lifestyles in a changed world."

Mr. and Mrs. George W. McNeese made the report of their trip to Costa Rica. McNeese is pastor of Clara First Baptist Church. And James Meeks, his daughter Rebecca, and sister Donna Jo Tiner reported on their trip to New Mexico in which they conducted a Vacation Bible School for Indians.

He feels Bold Mission Thrust is different from other mission challenges because "we have set a definite timetable for evangelizing the nation and the world," he said.

"Of course, we will never win the world to Christ, but we can give them an opportunity to hear the gospel story," he added.

At a recent Clarke County youth rally, Boggan gave his testimony and told the youths that he felt they were living in the most challenging days since New Testament times. Boggan's job is to help make sure Baptist Christians in Clarke and Wayne County have what it takes to meet that challenge.

Wayne County participants on the Ecuador trip were: Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gail Trigg, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Irby (of Alabama), Aaron Waites, W. G. Mills, Jimmy Knight, and Edward Wayne Pitts.

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"Harry Has Saved Us Lots Of Money —"

By Anne McWilliams
Versatile is the word for Harry Douglas. He's a painter, an electrician, a carpenter, a plumber, and a preacher.

On September 15 he celebrated his 20th anniversary as custodian-maintenance man at Camp Garaywa. Until last year he was a pastor as well. "Miss Edwina Robinson interviewed me right here on the porch at Garaywa," he recalls, "in the summer of 1958." He'd been a freshman at Mississippi College the year before and had returned to his native Florida for a summer construction job when Miss Ed called him.

Garaywa has been allocated \$100,000 of the \$300,000 set as the goal for the 1978 Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering. Of this, \$45,000 is for operation and \$55,000 for improvements.

He started to work at Garaywa for \$1.75 an hour, 20 hours a week. Since 1958 he's spent a lot of hours repairing and changing buildings and equipment at the camp. He has built two cabins and two pavilions, he has installed new ceiling and light fixtures in the auditorium; he has rewired all the cabins, and put in an electric heating system; he has replaced the cabins' old shutters with new windows. For 20 years he's been the fix-it man, as electrician, plumber, and carpenter.

As the camp program has grown, his work schedule has become more demanding and time-consuming. Hence, last year he resigned his pastorate at Carpenter Church in Copiah County. Previous pastorates he had held in the state were at Lula (Madison), five years; Rocky Springs (Yazoo), one year; Hermanville (Claiborne), seven years; and Bovina (Warren), two years.

Douglas was born in Palatka, Fla. At the insistence of a friend of his that Mississippi College was "the only college to attend," he decided to find out. When he and his wife, the former Frances Hart, moved to Clinton so that

he could start to college, they were the parents of four children. Another was born after they moved. (Now they have three grandchildren.)

They were among the charter members of Morrison Heights Church.

During years Douglas was pastor at Lula and beginning work at Garaywa, he was also in college. His wife enrolled at MC, too, and graduated with distinction. She went on to earn a master's degree and now teaches American history at Bailey Junior High in Jackson.

His daughter-in-law, Linda, is office secretary in the Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Before he moved to Mississippi, Douglas worked for a construction company and a paper company.

He lives in the house to the left of the entrance gate at Camp Garaywa. If he can find time he goes fishing or hunting. "My favorite sports are baseball and football," he says, "but I'm not addicted to them."

"I have no doubt the Lord called me into this job," he adds. "I know that the camp has a far-reaching influence on individuals and in missions in Mississippi and around the world. I'm glad I'm a part of it."

"I am happy here. Both Miss Ed and Marjean Patterson have been nice people to work for. I like to be out of doors and I like working with my hands. Sometimes, in the busy months, it's a rat race, but the good far outweighs the bad."

Fran Pickett, camp manager and financial secretary who has worked closely with Douglas for eight years says, "He has saved us lots of money. He has a pleasing personality, and is easy to work with. The word for Harry is versatile."

Happiness is found in little things; a baby's smile, a letter from a friend, the song of a bird, a light in the window.



150 Go TO MC's BSU Retreat

Approximately 150 Mississippi College students participated in the annual BSU Fall Retreat held Sept. 1-3 at Paul B. Johnson State Park. Based on the theme "Celebrate the Now", the weekend included special music by MC graduate Bruce Fields, (strumming in the picture) a late-night movie, stimulating discussions about a variety of spiritual concerns, inspiring speakers, and ample relaxation in the form of eating and water skiing. Program personalities included John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson; Graham Hales, chaplain at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg; Van Dyke Quick, vice-president for Student Affairs, Mississippi College; Jimmy Street, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wiggins; and Craig Ratliff, University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

The Mission Task Looking At 1979

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

The Budget Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has completed work on its 1979 budget recommendation. The total goal, including the advance section, will be \$10,000,000. This is an annual increase of \$1,364,000.

Ten million dollars is a lot of money for us "poor ole Mississippi Baptists"! It helps us to see just how great a challenge it really is if we look at the annual per-member amount required to meet it. The 1977 convention annual reported a membership of 595,010 for our 1,894 churches. For 595,010 Mississippi Baptists to give \$10,000,000 in 1979 will require the sacrificial sum of \$16.80 per Baptist. This is \$1.40 per month, 33 cents per week or less than 5 cents per day.

While it is true that at least 50 percent of our members give absolutely nothing to the church during the year, the \$10,000,000 suggested goal is not a real challenge to the giving ability of Mississippi Baptists.

In 1977, some 150 of our 1,894 churches that reported an income, failed to give anything to missions. About 1,000 of our churches give around 5 percent of their undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program. Less than 750 of our churches give 90 percent of the total Cooperative Program budget. These 750 churches are led by responsible and committed pastors and deacons who understand the scriptures and the immediate and urgent needs of world missions.

Many of our better churches are already working on the 1979 budget and will want to include an increased amount to help meet the new budget goal.

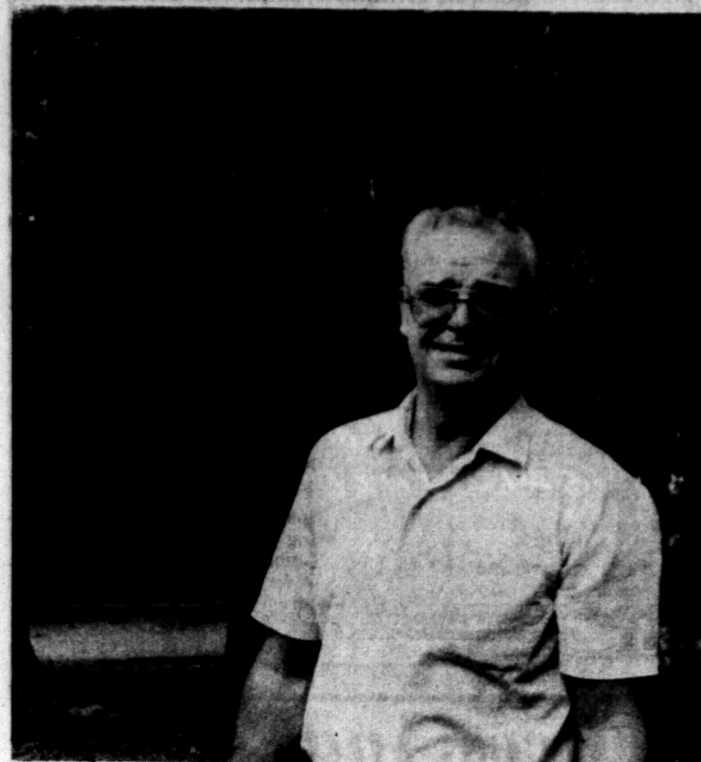
Now is the time to begin if we are to double our Cooperative Program giving by 1982 in accordance with the goals set in BOLD MISSION THRUST.

Let us not be critical of Nero, who is supposed to have fiddled while Rome burned, if we pass up this golden opportunity to involve our people in funding the greatest mission challenge of our time.

God needs your leadership and influence in your church. A lost hungry world needs you. Your fellow church members need you.

The time is here for us to certify our convictions by our actions.

Please be the key leader in your church to make a significant and prayerful advance in Cooperative Program world mission giving this year.



Harry Douglas

Alaska Work Hardships Are More Than Spiritual

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ing, boating and fishing, you can't beat them. In town, they're fish out of water, gasping."

The Shields realize native leaders must be developed if the work in the arctic is to have any degree of permanence.

Shield prays, "We need wisdom how best to use our time and energy... help us to be patient... lay it on the Eskimos' hearts to reach their own people."

Years ago, Shield considered starting a school to train native pastors. "I found you can't be a traveling missionary and a training missionary," he says. "I felt a burden for the villages. I decided to travel."

Much of the Shields' work begins with relationships. "We have established a rapport. They sense we're genuine. They trust us," he says. "When they want to know our Lord, perhaps they will come to us."

Because Sunday School lesson examples often are aimed at urban Americans, and because many natives have trouble with English, Shield translates scripture into arctic terms.

Shield paid his own way from California to explore possibilities of doing mission work in Alaska. Despite discouragement from others, he brought his family to the arctic.

"When we came out here, people thought our kids wouldn't adjust,"

Shield says smiling. Four of their children have married natives and live in Alaska. "I guess they did adjust."

The future of missions, they admit, sometimes looks dismal. Yet Shield says softly, "Our prayer is our children who have married natives will have an entree to the natives. That's our vision, our dream."

The couple plans to retire to a small home they've built on a "piece of tundra" in Kotzebue. "I wouldn't want to live in the city," says Martha. "We've lived in the bush for so long. Even if something happens to Harley — I'll stay."

In the meantime, the couple forges ahead. "We're like seeds, underground," says Shield. "We really don't know what all is happening — yet."

Celeste Loucks is on the staff of Home Missions Magazine.

Housing Request Form Southern Baptist Convention

June 12-14, 1979

Houston, Texas

USE OF FORM

The attached form has been designed by the Houston Convention and Visitors Council to be used by conventions being held in Houston. All individuals wishing to make hotel reservations for the Southern Baptist Convention must use this type of form. NO PHONE reservations will be accepted by the Houston Housing Bureau.

While it may seem that the use of this form is inconvenient, it will assure all individuals an equal chance of securing their desired accommodations. It will also result in early confirmations by the hotels.

WHO SHOULD USE THE FORM

All individuals wishing hotel reservations should use this form.

Groups wishing ten (10) or more rooms must make these block reservations by contacting: GROUP RESERVATIONS, SBC Executive Committee, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219, phone (615) 244-2355. The Houston Housing Bureau will not accept block reservations of more than nine rooms. This procedure is employed to assure that individual messengers will have access to all hotels under the policies adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

HOW TO USE THE FORM

PART I — Accurately fill in the requested information. The confirmation will be mailed to the person whose name appears in Part I.

PART II — From the accompanying map, select three hotels of your choice. Place the hotel code letters in the boxes in Part II, in the order of your preference. You must select three (3) hotels.

PART III — Fill in all information requested for each room you wish to reserve. If you need more than three rooms, use a second sheet. Photo copies of the form may be used.

DETACH THE FORM AND MAIL IT TO:

SBC Housing Bureau
1006 Main—Suite 1101
Houston, Texas 77002

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have need for further information, contact: HOUSING INFORMATION, SBC Executive Committee, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219, phone (615) 244-2355.

ADDITIONAL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM YOUR STATE OFFICE

CONVENTION HOTELS			
Hotel	Room	Rate	Phone
1. Marriott Hotel	100	\$25.00	521-1234
2. Hilton Hotel	100	\$25.00	521-1234
3. Sheraton Hotel	100	\$25.00	521-1234
4. Holiday Inn	100	\$25.00	521-1234
5. Ramada Hotel	100	\$25.00	521-1234
6. Best Western	100	\$25.00	521-1234
7. Days Inn	100	\$25.00	521-1234
8. Motel 6	100	\$25.00	521-1234
9. Super 8	100	\$25.00	521-1234
10. Econo Lodge	100	\$25.00	521-1234
11. Travelodge	100	\$25.00	521-1234
12. Quality Inn	100	\$25.00	521-1234
13. Red Roof Inn	100	\$25.00	521-1234
14. Motel One	100	\$25.00	521-1234
15. Motel Two	100	\$25.00	521-1234
16. Motel Three	100	\$25.00	521-1234
17. Motel Four	100	\$25.00	521-1234
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28. Motel Fifteen	100	\$25.00	521-1234
29. Motel Sixteen	100	\$25.00	521-1234
30. Motel Seventeen	100	\$25.00	521-1234
31. Motel Eighteen	100	\$25.00	521-1234
32. Motel Nineteen	100	\$25.00	521-1234
33. Motel Twenty	100	\$25.00	521-1234

FOR HOUSING BUREAU USE ONLY

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
JUNE 12-14, 1979 HOUSTON, TX

OFFICIAL HOUSING REQUEST FORM

• PLEASE READ CAREFULLY •

- PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL ITEMS TO ASSURE ACCURACY.
- COMPLETE EACH PART BELOW IN DETAIL FOR CORRECT AND RAPID COMPUTER PROCESSING.
- SHOULD MORE THAN THREE (3) ROOMS BE NEEDED, SUPPLEMENTAL ROOMS LIST MUST BE ATTACHED USING SAME FORMAT AS IN PART III.
- ALL CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT TO INDIVIDUAL INDICATED IN PART I.

PART I

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete requested data using abbreviations as necessary.

(NAME OF PERSON REQUESTING ROOMS)

(FIRST NAME) (LAST)

SBC HOUSING INFORMATION

(STREET ADDRESS OR P. O. BOX NUMBER)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP - U.S.A.)

(COUNTRY) (Area Code) (PHONE NUMBER)

If necessary, photo-copies of this form may be used to make additional reservations.

Must be received by Housing Bureau no later than May 11, 1979

PART II

INSTRUCTIONS: Select THREE Hotel/Motels of your choice. No request will be processed without THREE choices.

FIRST CHOICE ☐ ☐ ☐ (HOTEL CODE)

SECOND CHOICE ☐ ☐ ☐ (HOTEL CODE)

THIRD CHOICE ☐ ☐ ☐ (HOTEL CODE)

PART III

- INSTRUCTIONS:
1. PRINT OR TYPE NAMES OF ALL PERSONS OCCUPYING EACH ROOM.
 2. SELECT TYPE ROOM DESIRED WITH ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES.
 3. SUPPLEMENTAL LIST FOR ADDITIONAL ROOM MUST USE SAME FORMAT.
 4. PRINT OR TYPE LAST NAME FIRST.

ROOM NO.	GUEST NAME/S (PRINT LAST NAME FIRST)	P+1 - Parlor & one bedroom		P+2 - Parlor & two bedrooms	
		CHECK ONE	ARR. DATE	DEP. DATE	
ROOM NO. 1	1.	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> P+1	ARRIVAL TIME	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM (Check One)	
	2.	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE	NOTE: ROOM WILL NOT BE HELD AFTER 6 P.M. UNLESS PAYMENT IS GUARANTEED FOR FIRST NIGHT. HOTEL MAY REQUIRE DEPOSIT.		
	3.	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN <input type="checkbox"/> P+2			
	4.				
ROOM NO. 2	1.	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> P+1	ARR. DATE	DEP. DATE	
	2.	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE	ARRIVAL TIME	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM (Check One)	
	3.	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN <input type="checkbox"/> P+2	NOTE: ROOM WILL NOT BE HELD AFTER 6 P.M. UNLESS PAYMENT IS GUARANTEED FOR FIRST NIGHT. HOTEL MAY REQUIRE DEPOSIT.		
	4.				
ROOM NO. 3	1.	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> P+1	ARR. DATE	DEP. DATE	
	2.	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE	ARRIVAL TIME	<input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM (Check One)	
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	4.				

IMPORTANT: No phone orders will be accepted. Hotel locations are shown on accompanying map. Make a photo-copy of your order for your files. Housing Bureau processes reservations in order of date received. Confirmations will come direct from your hotel. DO NOT SEND DEPOSITS WITH RESERVATIONS. If rooms are not available at hotels of your choice, comparable reservations will be made at another cooperating hotel. If rate requested is not available, next available rate will be assigned. Cancellations must be made through the Housing Bureau only; other changes should be made directly with hotel.

NOTE: PLEASE RECHECK ALL ITEMS FOR CORRECT INFORMATION

Aid Victims

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Board officials learned that missionaries needed an initial \$3,000 to help replace the necessities of blankets, food and clothing for the fire victims. Because of the speed of communication, the board was able to respond immediately, Cheyne said.

Another fire in Korea destroyed the An Yang Baptist Church. Relief funds will provide \$4,000 of the \$30,000 needed to rebuild it.

April Revivals

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themselves to share Christ with a number of persons during the year.

This past year Collum mailed 80,000 commitment cards to Mississippi Baptists.

A number of associations are planning for various types of witness training sessions. Bolivar Association has scheduled a Witness Involvement Now school.

East Moss Point Baptist Church is planning witness training which focuses on the personal testimony as a witness tool. Collum has information on how other churches and associations can set WIN schools or other types of witness training.

Numerous helps are available for churches and associations planning on revivals in April. The October or November pastors' mailout from the Baptist Building will include sample packets of Good News Mississippi promotional materials, such as bumper stickers, door knob hangers, and posters. These will be available for order in the near future.

Other helps already available are two manuals which can be ordered from Collum's office in Jackson. The two are "Revival Planbook for the Local Church," and "Counseling Guide." The planbook costs \$1 and the guide is only \$.25. These are being sold on a cost recovery basis. Write Roy Collum, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Said Collum of the black and white cooperative nature of the venture, "We're not interested in race relations per se, we are trying to get Christians together regardless of color and win people from Mississippi from all races to Christ."

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Editorials

\$10,000,000 Goal . . .

Budget Is Plan For Impact

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board this year, for the first time, will recommend a budget of eight figures to the convention in November. The total is \$10,000,000.

Every year, of course, the budget goal has climbed; and every year has been better financially than the year before.

There is no reason to feel that next year will be an exception; but the budget for 1979 will present a challenge, nevertheless. It means an increase of \$1,364,000. That is a bold step to take in one year, but the times demand bold measures.

In spite of good salaries and comfortable living conditions, these are not easy times to live in. An easy come, easy go attitude will not make an impact on the world. And a budget is a plan by which to do just that — make an impact — or not to make an impact, as the plan might be.

We have recognized that the times call for bold action if we are going to make an impact for Christ, and we have initiated Bold Mission Thrust. We have not kept up our pace lately in our endeavor to win our world. Our primary indicator, baptisms, points that out to us.

Bold Measures

We have decided we are going to step up our efforts to the point of providing a Christian witness to everyone in the United States by the end of the decade and to everyone in the world by the end of the century. These actions will require bold measures, and bold measures will necessitate bold planning. A vital part of those plans necessarily must be a bold budget.

It is a bold step to consider a budget increase of more than \$1.3 million. But, again, the budget is only a plan — a map for helping to reach the desired destination. That, we all agree, is a Christian witness on as widespread a basis as is humanly possible.

Next year the plan is to use almost a third of the total, \$3,255,000 on missions work outside of Mississippi. Of course, that total can be applied only with the attainment of the budget goal; but by the same token, 32.5 per cent of every dollar that comes in above the budget will also be used in missions endeavors beyond our boundaries.

We give a great deal of attention to the Lottie Moon offering and the Annie Armstrong offering for foreign and home missions. The regular annual budget, however, provides just as much for those causes as the annual offerings do; and it does so on a more regular basis.

The Same Things

These dollars buy the same things the Christmas and Easter offerings buy. They provide workers for Africa, the Orient, Europe — all over the world — and give them equipment with which to work. They help the Home Mission Board and the state

conventions to put ministers in all kinds of places where ministers are needed but where most of the rest of us never think about going. And they help to provide an equipping ministry as knowledgeable professionals from Mississippi Baptists' own state organization fan out across the state to help provide the knowledge that leads to greater results.

These dollars help to provide Christian education for our youth, to provide warm and responsible care for children who are dependant and have no one to depend on, and to help provide medical care for someone who could not afford it but needs it nonetheless.

It will take more than an ordinary effort to reach a budget of \$10,000,000. There are not ordinary times, however, and we have outlined extraordinary plans and goals for ourselves.

We must match our bold dreams of missions accomplishments with bold provisions for handling the tasks.

New Communications Act . . .

Television Could Be Helped

Last week Harry N. Hollis Jr., director of family and special moral concerns for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, was called on to testify before a U. S. House committee concerning House Resolution 13015. This is the resolution that has to do with the rewriting of the Communications Act of 1934.

Television, of course, was not around to complicate our lives in 1934; thus the communications act of that year dealt with radio. There is a general feeling that it is outdated, but from that point feelings divide and go in completely different directions.

The fact of the matter is, network television has no supervision at all except for whether or not people watch certain programs. The local stations must be licensed by the government to operate; and a sort of second-hand supervision of networks would be that if local stations all lost their licenses for showing unsuitable material, there would be no market for the network

programs.

The communications act has been rewritten, and the House Subcommittee on Communications held hearings to determine public opinion of the rewrite.

Hollis pointed out that the bill which is the rewrite has been called a "starting point." His feelings are that the bill starts at the wrong point. He says it starts "with the narrow interests of the marketplace; it should start with the broad interests of the American people."

He added, "There are people from all areas of American life who are anguished and angry about the fact that the television industry has so often ignored its trustworthiness of the airwaves. These people are determined to bring about change so that television can live up to its potential for good."

Additionally Hollis declared, "There are millions of Americans who are gravely concerned about the fact that far too often television has not

acted as a responsible guest in the homes of the American people. At the same time, we recognize and appreciate the vast amount of good that television can bring to our lives. The American people need the assistance of this Subcommittee on Communications. By helping the people who will in reality be helping the industry as well. What we need from this committee is a rewrite which begins and ends with the public interest. I appeal to you not to let the people down."

There is an opportunity at this time to make a constructive effort in the direction of responsible television programming. However the Congress, specifically the House at this time, decides to go about bringing about responsible programming, it needs to be done. Now is the time to let members of the House of Representatives know that the people of the nation expect some kind of safeguards from irresponsible programming to be built into the new communications act.

We are not dealing with censorship. We are dealing with programs being thrust into our homes and affecting our families without our being able to do much about it. Perhaps the networks should be licensed. If something is not done at this time while new approaches are being explored, the television industry may well wreck itself on the rocky shores of its own selfishness.

Correction, Please

An editorial statement on this page on Sept. 14 paid tribute to pastors in long-term pastorates and mentioned three with 30 years or more. The writer's tired old eyes failed to pick up one who has served his church for 34 years. He is Henry Bennett at Byram Baptist Church in Hinds-Madison Association. Our apologies to Bro. Bennett. There may be others.

Airways Belong To The People

By Paul M. Stevens
"Agreeing with the television networks is something like agreeing with Madalyn Murray O'Hair," one of my friends declared recently.

"Madalyn Murray O'Hair has come out against legalized bingo games," I answered. "Surely you agree with her stand on that semi-criminal gambling operation?"

I had him. He accepted the exception.

"Now, about the networks," I challenged. "Not everything they do is evil."

"Prove it," he demanded.

So I read to him from a press release ABC mailed after Alfred R. Schneider, one of its vice presidents, addressed the lobby group ACT (Action for Children's Television) at a recent symposium in Washington.

Actually, the news release is one of the most interesting documents I have seen in some time — a rather nice compilation of fact and fiction.

Schneider's subject was "TV Role Models and Young Adolescents." His basic premise was that parents have a

responsibility toward everything that comes into their home. He said parents who take a "close your eyes, it'll go away" attitude toward television may be abdicating their responsibilities both to their children and the television they watch.

Of course, parents are responsible for what enters their homes! Food should be sanitary and nutritious. The water pure, no obscene telephone calls or pornographic materials. Evil companions should be shunned and illegal drugs absolutely forbidden. Likewise, television programming should come under the same careful scrutiny.

But television can be such a subtle mixture of fact, idealism, bad taste, and unacceptable material that hardly any parent has the time and skill to counteract and contradict such material when it hits his home television set.

Television writers have spent weeks weaving together their personal opinions of sex and their own sexual preferences into fast-moving, funny lines on the lips of their carefully-contrived and appealing characters.

In most shows, the writer knows he has 30 short minutes to introduce, fill out, and wrap up his "ideal, fiction, fact, personal opinion, comedy package."

And the parent, most of the time without any warning, is faced with picking up the pieces. Ideally, for the next hour the set is turned off and the

family discusses and argues.

The set is then turned on and the next program lines up its own pattern of amusement. This is often at the expense of home, God, sex, purity, honor, chastity, marriage, motherhood, and only the Lord knows what else. Then, ideally, off goes the set and up comes the volume of family discussion and difference of opinion.

I said that was the ideal. On a practical level, I don't believe Al Schneider operates this way at his home. And few other parents have the time or inclination to do it either. Not for any length of time, at least. Americans don't want to be on an adversary basis with the three networks.

The families of America own the airwaves, not the networks. No family should be made to feel that the networks and their programmers are enemies, lobbing cheap shots into their homes every evening so somebody can sell soap or somebody else can be number one in the ratings.

But the parent is being forced to say, "enough is enough." And if the parent doesn't, the network absolves itself of any of the responsibility it should share as a shaper and reflector of public opinion by insisting, "Well, that's what they ought to do. It's their fault if they don't." The networks take this stance knowing full well that it is not practical in 99 percent of the homes of our nation.

A Budget Is More Than An Amount

By Guy Henderson
Stewardship Consultant
For Cooperative Program Promotion

Acknowledging that a picture is worth a thousand words, suppose we could present our ten million dollar budget in pictures. Mind you, it would take a long time. There would be the picture of a group of orphans in a house you help build being led in group activities by a person you help pay. We would have to show hospital rooms,

colleges, young preachers being trained, church ministries such as music, Sunday School and Church Training, retired ministers being assisted, and still there would be more.

Entering the area of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Radio-Television, and the exciting new Mission Service Corps projects, it would take days to see all that is being done. The Cooperative Program budget is our way of saying that "I believe." I believe it is a measure of concern of Mississippi

Baptists. It is ten million dollars of service in the cause of Him who said, "You are my friends, if you do what I command you." His commands involve a compassionate ministry to the world. Our budget is a bold thrust to obey that command.

It is said that "nature is God's braille to a blind world." We are able to "read" it and understand more of God's revelation to man. The Cooperative Program is our braille to a blind world in need. How does it read?



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Coahoma Means "Red Panther"

Bills naturally are not my favorite kind of mail. But I enjoy reading "Bell Notes" — the pamphlet that comes with the telephone bill — so much that I'm almost glad to see my telephone bill arrive. Last weekend I found out that the editor of "Bell Notes" is a Baptist. She is Bettye Kirkland, who lives on Rainey Road in south Jackson with her husband and 12-year-old daughter, and is a member of Lakeshore Baptist Church.

I met Bettye at the Mississippi Press Women's fall workshop at Clarksdale. Do you remember how American Home magazine used to print pictures of rooms "Before" and "After" redecoration? Those pictures absolutely captivated me, since I like to take a seemingly impossible task, and see what imagination and a little work can do. Maybe that's why I enjoyed the Delta Sunflower Square so much.

That's where the workshop was held — at a restaurant called the Delta Warehouse. The square is a city-block area that has been converted from cotton warehouses and old stores to specialty shops clustered around a mall and alley. An old-fashioned ice-cream parlor, decorated as a steamboat, is called the Cream Boat. An attractive new book shop is The Gallery.

Weathered cypress, stained glass, magnolia-shaded benches, and a whimsical use of paint make the place a lot of fun. Only one street and a splash of greenery, the Sunflower River Park, separate the square from the Sunflower River.

Clarksdale, as I expect you already know, is in Coahoma County, about 75 miles south of Memphis. The city was named for John Clark, an Englishman who founded it in 1869, and the county got its name from the Choctaw word that means "red panther." It was in Coahoma County that DeSoto first sighted the Mississippi River in 1541.

Eighteen religious denominations are represented among the 36,800 resi-

dents of Coahoma County. These include the Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths. Most Protestant churches are represented — Apostolic, Baptist, Christian, Church of Christ, Church of God, Church of God in Christ, Episcopal, Christian Science, Mormon, Lutheran, Mennonite, Methodist, Nazarene, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, and Seventh-Day Adventist.

Coahoma and Tunica Counties work together as a team in the Riverside Baptist Association, which has 16 Baptist churches. Danny Lee Prater, director of missions, lives at Lyon.

The Delta has a distinctive beauty of its own, I have to admit. I grew up in the red hills of east central Alabama and W. D. grew up in the Delta. When I first married, I really missed my hills, and often complained because W. D. was always wanting to spend the weekends in the Delta. The mosquitoes and the sluggish rivers and the miles of flatland where too many trees had been cut didn't appeal to me then. But, you know, a feeling for the Mississippi Delta has grown within me so that now I wonder why I did not always see its beauty.

Coahoma County is the Delta at its best — the rich, wide fields of cotton, the hills beginning to burst into whiteness; the thickets along the levee, full of fluttering birds; the cottonwoods by the roadside; the curving bayous; the splendid sunsets; and the hospitality that nowhere can be surpassed.

R. H. Sims, innkeeper at the Up-Town Motor Inn in Clarksdale, had placed a greeting to the traveler in the motel room that for me expressed Mississippi hospitality. In part it said, "God grant you peace and rest while you are under our roof. . . . We are all travelers. From birth till death we travel between the eternities. May these days be pleasant for you, profitable for society, helpful for those you meet, and a joy to those who know and love you best."

Book Reviews

AFFLICTION by Edith Schaeffer (Fleming H. Revell, 253 pp., \$7.95) Here is a compassionate Christian look at understanding the reality of pain and suffering in our lives. Mrs. Schaeffer points up the many sources of human suffering and explores the many forms that suffering takes. She uses experiences of others as well as those in her own life and brings light from biblical truths, but she does not offer easy answers. Instead she shows the reader a way that will make it possible to find the answers for himself.

Mrs. Schaeffer is the wife of Francis Schaeffer, co-founder of L'Abri Fellowship, world-famous Christian community in Switzerland.

DICTIONARY OF OLD TESTAMENT WORDS FOR ENGLISH READERS, compiled by Aaron Pick; Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49501; 580 pages; \$12.95.

This volume gives the Hebrew symbols for Old Testament words as well as spelling them with English letters, defining them, and giving passages where they are to be found.

WAITING IN THE WINGS, compiled by Porter Routh; Broadman; 175 pages; \$5.95.

This is a study of the preparation of alternate sermons for the Southern Baptist Convention. The book presents 18 of these sermons that were prepared for the convention but never delivered there because the ones chosen as the convention preacher were on hand to discharge their responsibilities.

38 RECEIPTS FOR BULLETIN BOARDS AND ART PROJECTS THAT CHRISTIAN KIDS CAN MAKE compiled by Jean Staffeld, Carol Ball, and Jo Anne Klemp (Concordia, 94 pp., \$3.95) The activities in this book are designed to be used in Sunday schools or vacation Bible schools for grades 1-5 by both children and teacher. There are 20 bulletin board ideas such as "The Widow's Mite, Jesus Loves All, I Am With You, etc. Three of the 18 art projects are entitled Noah's Ark, Baby Moses and Jesus Died for Me. This book is designed to help teachers make lessons more meaningful so children can learn and retain more of the Bible.

Letters to the Editor

Bi-Vocational Worker

Dear Editor:

Our church needs a bi-vocational worker to help us in the areas of youth, music, education, and assistant pastor! As in most cases of Montana churches, we have too much work for one staff member (pastor) but not enough funds for a full-time, second staff member.

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will give you more information.

Sincerely,
Jack Park
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Van Or Bus Needed

Dear Editor:

Calvary Baptist Church in Webster Association, Eupora, Miss. is a rural church that is experiencing God's work in a marvelous way. As a result of growth through His leadership, we now have need for a van or small bus to aid in transportation. If perhaps there is a church who has outgrown their van or bus, and would like to sell it, we would be pleased to hear from them.

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Names In The News

Paul E. Roaten of Mississippi was elected auditor of the Uruguay Baptist Convention at the group's annual meeting July 18 and 19 in Montevideo. Other missionaries elected to the convention's Executive Committee were T. Eugene Dubberly, president, and Murray C. Smith, treasurer. A native of Tupelo, Roaten and his wife, Betty (nee Maybury) were appointed to Uruguay in 1970. He served as a field evangelist in the cities of Carmelo and Florida before being elected as business administrator of the Uruguay Baptist Mission in 1977.

Leon Young, director of missions, Lauderdale Association, is working with the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign being held in Shasta Association in north-central California at Red Bluff Sept. 16-21.

Greenwood — Services for Miss Georgia Marie Fancher, 78, former teacher at the Baptist seminary in Louisville, Ky., were held at 10 a.m. Sept. 11 at Williams and Lord Funeral Home, Greenwood. Miss Fancher, a native of Carroll County, died Saturday night Sept. 9, in Golden Age Nursing Home after a long illness. She was head of the library science department at the seminary in Louisville for 35 years, retiring in 1969. Survivors are three brothers, J. B. Fancher and Louis E. Fancher Sr., both of Greenwood, and R. T. Fancher of Jackson; and a sister, Mrs. Ila M. Cooper of Baltimore, Md.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Robert L. Desbien, public relations consultant for the past two years at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named director of public relations for the 21-year old school.

Prior to coming to Midwestern in 1976, Desbien, 29, was vice president of marketing and production at the Professional Advertiser, Inc., Manhattan, Kan., a television commercial syndicator. He spent six years as studio director and commercial producer at WIBW Television, part of Stauffer publications, based in Topeka, Kan.

Educated at Washburn University, Topeka, Desbien, a native of Kansas, has won several broadcasting awards.

His wife, Phyllis, also works at Midwestern Seminary as professional services consultant.



Pineview Builds Sanctuary

Ground breaking for a new \$65,000 sanctuary was held at Pineview Church, Hattiesburg, on Aug. 27. After a covered dish meal, "The Genesis" from Dixie Church sang. After a message on "The Evidence of Faith," the group assembled outside for the ground breaking and prayer.

Pictured are members of the building committee. Front row left to right: J. Q. Ryals, building committee chairman; Melvin Stafford, contractor; Joel Ray, director of missions, Lebanon Association. Back row: Kenneth Ryals, Laveril Slade, Donald Rouse, Mrs. T. Pyburn, Mrs. Huey Lott, and Mrs. Ruth Trotter.

Pineview Church was established in 1976 when five acres of land were purchased on the west side of Johnson State Park. Worship services have been held in a modular building which will be used for the educational building when the new sanctuary is completed.

Staff Changes

Clifton Williams has accepted a call as minister of music and youth of Carmel Church, Monticello. He is a graduate of Southwestern Mississippi Junior College and also of Mississippi College. He is married to the former Johnnie Reaves of McComb and they have two daughters, Denise, 10, and Cheryl, 4.



They reside in the Friendship Community in Pike County. Williams went to Carmel from Locust Street Church in McComb. Robert L. Dunn served with Williams at Locust Street and will continue to do so at Carmel where he is now pastor.

Ray Hodges has accepted a call to become pastor of Siloam Church, Rt. 2, Magee, in Simpson County. He goes to Siloam after six months' mission work in Kansas. His last pastorate in Mississippi was at Neely.

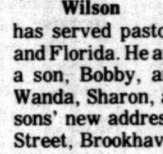
Don Nerren has resigned the pastorate of the Parkway Church in Kosciusko and has moved to Jackson. He is available for supply preaching and interim work. He may be contacted at P. O. Box 10561, Jackson, Miss. 39209 (phone 373-0588).

Fred Hartley of Vardaman is now the pastor of Montevista Church in Webster County.

Gerald L. Aultman has accepted the pastorate of Macedonia Church, Rt. 5, Hattiesburg. He moved to Macedonia from the Calvary Church, Cleveland.

Paul Wilson preached his first sermon as pastor of Central Church in Brookhaven on September 3, after serving at Jackson's Hanging Moss Church for nearly four years. Wilson graduated from Clarke College. From Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla., he earned his doctorate in theology. He has served pastorates in Mississippi and Florida. He and his wife Ruth have a son, Bobby, and three daughters, Wanda, Sharon, and Stacey. The Wilsons' new address is 1101 N. Jackson Street, Brookhaven, Ms. 39601.

Wilson



Greenwood, S.C. — Clifford Barratt, emeritus missionary to China and Taiwan, died early Sept. 11 in her hometown of Greenwood, S.C. She was 85. Funeral services were to be held Sept. 12 in Greenwood. Miss Barratt was appointed in 1921 and served in China until 1941. In 1957 she returned to China for four years. In 1951 she transferred to Taiwan and served there until her retirement in 1963.

Seminar On Life-Threatening Diseases Will Be Held At Laurel

On Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7, a seminar on life-threatening diseases will be sponsored by the Christian Action Commission, the Jones County Baptist Association, and First Church, Laurel.



Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of First Church, Cleveland, and Mrs. Laverne Adams of Ft. Worth, Tex., will be the resource persons for the seminar. Sessions will be held at 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Friday and 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Laverne Adams works as a counselor with terminally ill patients at a Ft. Worth hospital. She served with her husband as a missionary to Colombia, S. A. for 14 years. She and their daughter have been victims of life-

threatening diseases. Since recovering from her illness, she has completed the Clinical Pastoral Education Course to further equip herself for this new ministry.

Hubbell is widely used on programs giving attention to the spiritual dimensions of the problems facing the family and patient of life-threatening diseases.

Billy Vaughn, First Church of

Laurel, and Maurice Flowers, director of missions, Jones County Association, are co-chairmen for the Laurel meeting at the First Baptist Church.

"Please join us yourself and invite church members and friends who would be interested. No doubt, some of your congregation are facing such personally or in the family," states J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission.

Author Will Teach Her Book At Baptist Women Retreat

Nell Tyner Bowen will teach her new book, *The Seeking Woman I Am*, during the Baptist Women Retreat Sept. 29-30 at Camp Garaywa.

Mrs. Bowen has served two terms as first vice-president of the Board of Directors of Home Mission Board, SBC, and continues to serve on that Board.

She is a native of Augusta, Ga. She graduated from Tift College, and did graduate study in the School of Church Music of Southern Seminary.

Her husband, I. W. Bowen, is chairman of the Department of Religion at Tift College, and is a minister.

From 1970-1975, she was president of the Georgia Baptist Women's Missionary Union, a member of the executive committee, and a member of the Education Commission of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

She teaches music through the piano, and has been state chairman of the Piano Division of Georgia Educators Association.

THE WOMAN I AM: LOOKING FORWARD THROUGH THE CHRIS-

TIAN PAST, published in 1976, was written by Mrs. Bowen.

The Baptist Women Retreat, sponsored by state WMU, will begin Friday, Sept. 29 at 3 p.m. and continue until noon on Sat., Sept. 30.

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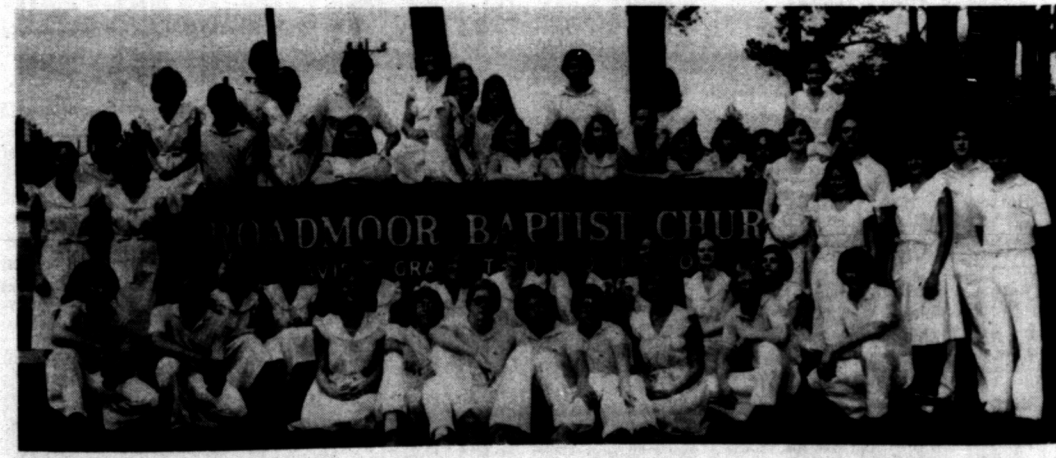
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Abundant Life Singers Give Concerts In The Yucatan



The Broadmoor, Jackson, youth choir is home from Mexico.

By Nan Grantham

"Eres mi hermano, eres mi amigo" was the message carried in deed and song to the people of Merida, Mexico, and the Yucatan Peninsula in August by the Abundant Life Singers of Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

This group of tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders were under direction of J. M. Wood, minister of music at Broadmoor.

Four years ago, the senior high choir went to Merida, being perhaps the first Southern Baptist choir from the U.S. to sing there. The group was received with open arms and were told upon their departure, "Come back and we will give you the red carpet treatment."

This year, at the invitation of the Foreign Mission Board and the sanction of the Mexican government, the Abundant Life Singers returned to Mexico and the text from the song quoted above "You are my brother, you are my friend" was sung in the native tongue and with real conviction.

Preparation for such a trip as this begins months and even years ahead of the actual date of departure. There is the physical preparation involved in the collection of material and data required in taking young people out of the country. Mr. Wood began correspondence immediately as to the type

and styles of music, both sacred and secular, that would be acceptable and effective in this type of program, so that translation could be done. The young people themselves had requirements for their own church attendance and involvement here in the local church before they represented their church in another location. Naturally attendance requirements at rehearsals were a must, as over 50 percent of the program was done in Spanish.

In addition to the choir's sacred and secular concerts in English and Spanish, two of the Broadmoor staff members also speak fluent Spanish and sang in the two languages, Curtis Ferrell, assistant to the pastor, and Donn Poole, minister of youth.

The Notations, Senior High youth ensemble; the Messengers, Broadmoor's puppet group; Mrs. Ferrell and Mrs. Ed Hamilton, sponsors; Dayna Tadlock and Wayne and Jayne Osborne, three of the youths, also contributed to the bi-lingual programs.

It is estimated that the group sang to approximately 12,500 persons during their week-long stay. Other than two concerts in the First Baptist Church of Merida, all church concerts were in Catholic churches, a first time in each instance that a Protestant group had performed there. These included the Catholic churches of Kinchil, Motul,

Peto and Muna.

Theatre concerts were given in the cities of Ticul and Merida, and Celestun and Merida were the scenes for open air concerts. One area-wide radio concert also featured the choir. Although some of the days were as long as 16 hours "on the go," the group still had time to visit the Lolton Caverns and the Mayan Ruins at Uxmal. They had interviews with the mayor, vice-mayor and lieutenant governor and other government officials, and were hosted for several meals by these officials.

These young people sang in the evening worship service at Broadmoor the Sunday night following their return. Keith Hale, student director of the group, led the choir in the Spanish version of "Peace Like a River." The choir sang Bach's "Alleluia! Sing Praise," accompanied by the Senior High Handbells. The 120-plus pieces of luggage, sound equipment, electric piano, guitars, trap sets, string ensemble, etc. had been returned to their places. All, it was felt had been effectively used.

For a small income, a long journey is run; for everlasting life, many scarce once lift a foot from the ground. — Thomas a Kempis

Revival Dates

Wildwood, Clinton: Oct. 1-4; Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; music by the Wildwood Adult Choir under direction of Jack Lyall, head of the music department at Mississippi College; Oct. 1 at 10:30 a.m.; Oct. 2, 3, and 4 at 7:30 p.m.; Fred Womack, pastor; Sat. night, Sept. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m., there will be a barbecue on the church grounds.

Southside Church, Greenville: Oct. 1-8 at 7:30 p.m.; Don Jopling, evangelist; John Rudd, pastor.

First Church, McHenry: Sept. 24-29; John W. Wade, pastor, Pleasant View Church, Pleasant View, Ky., evangelist; Russell Bradford, pastor and song leader.

Macedonia Church, Hattiesburg: Oct. 1-4; Howard Aultman, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, visiting music evangelist; Gerald L. Aultman, pastor; Robert Bolling, minister of music at Macedonia, singer; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services 7:30 p.m.

Arcola Church (Washington County): Sept. 17-22; at 7:30 p.m.; Mildred Bennett, pastor of First, Inverness, evangelist; Tommy Howard, First, Leland, in charge of music; Cecil Mulloy, pastor.

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Missionary News

Glendon and Marjorie Grober, missionaries to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 30010, 01000 Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil. He was born in Vicksburg.

Parkes and Martha Ellen Marler, missionaries to Guam, have arrived in the States (address: 3331 Old Canton Rd., Jackson, Miss. 39216). They are natives of Harpersville, Miss.

Donald and Barbara Ann Phlegar, missionaries to Thailand, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Mrs. Syble Phlegar, 33 Kirby Ave., Portsmouth, Va. 23702). She is from Yazoo City, Miss.

A reunion of former members Immanuel Baptist Church (English speaking) Madrid, Spain, is being planned for August 4 and 5, 1979, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Scottish Baptists Grow Despite Many Difficulties

By Mark Sandlin

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — The Baptist Union of Scotland has shown steady growth over the past three years, despite limited resources and the fact that 30 percent of the country's population belong to the national church, according to union president,

Eric Watson.

"Our work is very different from Baptist work here in the United States," said Watson, in the States participating in a pulpit exchange program with Carl Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. Watson is pastor of Rattray Baptist Church, Dundee, Scotland.

Devotional

God Can

By Robert Shirley, Pastor, Parkway, Tupelo

"And lo, a leper, having come forward was prostrating himself before him saying, Lord, if thou wilt thou canst cleanse me" (Matthew 8:2).

What a difference it would make in our lives if we would truly believe the words of this leper. "Lord you CAN cure me if you WANT to." This wonderful expression of faith in that day brought the healing that only a miracle could provide.



Shirley

Are there times when we doubt the POWER of God? Are there those things we feel that God cannot do? "Surely God can do anything, but no one has ever had my problem, has suffered like I am suffering, has faced the opposition that I face." Let us hear the words of the leper again. No situation is ever hopeless; there is an answer to every problem, a fulfillment to every need. God CAN!

Perhaps more often, we doubt the LOVE of God. "Why should God love me when I have failed Him? It is my fault that I am where I am. Do I have the right to trouble Him with my problems?" This man felt it would be easier for Jesus to heal him than it would be for Him to love him in his defiled state.

Then came the discovery that God's love is the result of God's nature and not man's. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Even when the rich, young ruler turned his back on Jesus, Christ loved him. Let us never forget it for a moment, "God LOVES US!"

It is always true that God desires the very best for us. Jesus answered, "I will; be thou clean." Surely this is the answer that He would always give to faith. Of course, He does not always give exactly what we ask. Such is often not what is best for us. However, He does always give that which will fulfill our needs. Frequently it is physical healing, often it is comfort, always it is His love.

Jesus CAN supply our needs, Jesus DESIRES to supply our needs, Jesus WILL supply our needs.

Clarke Is Near Top In Number Of Missionaries

Clarke College has been listed in the top schools for providing student summer missionaries for the summer of 1978, according to an announcement released by Clarke director of religious activities, J. B. Costilow. The list was compiled by the Home Mission Board, SBC.

Clarke was listed in 27th place out of 391 educational institutions sending out students to work in various areas of mission work for ten weeks during the summer.

Clarke, with ten students sent out,

was the only junior college on the 1978 Top Schools listing. There were a total of 1,446 students sponsored by the Home Mission Board, SBC; Baptist Student Unions; and state Baptist groups.

The students representing Clarke were: David Jay, Newton; Jody Holmes, Pearl; Robin Polk, Prentiss; Mary Greene, Prentiss; Angel Davis, Prentiss; Dianne Barnes, Forest; Kathy Stewart, Ellisville; Melissa Melton, West; Lissa Burnley, Macon; Debra Baswell, Fernbank, Ala.

"When we knock on people's doors to invite them to church, the inevitable answer is that they are members of the national church," he said. Most of the people are born into it. "About 1½ million of Scotland's five million population belong to the Church of Scotland, which is Presbyterian in structure and evangelical in doctrine.

Limited resources also present difficulties for the small Baptist churches scattered throughout Scotland, where Baptist work began in 1750.

"Two thirds of the 160 churches that make up the Union have under 100 members. Most of the churches have only one staff person and that's the pastor," Watson said. "Land is very expensive. Buildings are much smaller and packed together. Most of our church facilities are chapels we inherited or some other old buildings," he said.

Faced with these and other problems, the Scottish Baptists continue to grow. "We have increased our membership by 50 percent in the last three years and have doubled our budget in the same time period," he said.

Baptist work is expanding in other areas. Ministries have been started for servicemen stationed on United States military bases in Scotland and for off-shore oilmen, mostly Americans, working in the North Sea area.

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Homecoming

Answers:

Antioch Church, Neshoba County, will hold homecoming day on Oct. 1. Albert McMullen, former pastor, will preach at the 11 a.m. service. Dinner will be served at the church at 12. Wayne Herrington will lead the singing scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. David Wilkinson, Antioch pastor, will recognize former pastors who are present. The Sandtown Christians will present special music.

R-1 (Genesis 35:24)
E-2 (Luke 1:7, 13)
B-4 (John 11:18)
M-3 (Genesis 5:27)
E-6 (II Kings 5:10)
T-5 (Matthew 10:1-14)
P-9 (II Corinthians 11:11-12)
E-8 (Genesis 47:22)
S-7 (Judges 16:31)

Worship, Love, Dedication Evident In Romanian Churches

Trinity (Wayne) Burns Note

Trinity Church, Wayne County, burned a note Aug. 20, signifying that the church is free of debt.

While T. E. Williams was interim pastor in 1972, he and the congregation planned and built a four-bedroom parsonage.

In Feb., 1973, the church called Edward McKeithen as pastor, and the following month dedicated the new parsonage.

McKeithen served the church for five years, until his retirement. Under his leadership the people bought and paid for a plot of land adjacent to the parsonage. Two acres of this were designated as a church cemetery.

On Jan. 29, 1978, when McKeithen retired, the indebtedness on the parsonage was around \$1,000.

On Feb. 19, 1978, the church called J. Mitchell Osborne as pastor. Then in July of this year the debt was paid in full.

ARAD, ROMANIA (BP) — Baptists in Romania live in a world of love, fellowship and constant observance by government informants. Southern Baptist missionaries Gene and Jackie Phillips, stationed in France, became a part of that world for one Sunday during a visit as tourists.

The church service in Speranta (hope) Baptist Church was packed and the Phillips family found seating only in the choir loft. Soon even the aisles were full as more than 1,200 people crowded in for the longer than two-hour worship service. "From time to time someone seated would nod and smile to someone standing, and they would change places," Mrs. Phillips said.

The choir and orchestra were led by four directors, taking turns, and the people sang from memory because they had no hymnals. After greetings and a message by Gene Phillips, 31 people were baptized. Because only one baptism service is held each year, the Romanian Christian baptism takes

on extra significance.

"The pastor's daughter told me that once a person decides to follow Jesus, his name is given to the government authorities and his persecution begins — things like having difficulty in classes at school, being shunned by classmates and maybe not getting a diploma," Mrs. Phillips said. "Or at work, Christians may be passed up for promotion and in the neighborhood, watched constantly by an informer."

The pastor asked candidates if they believed in Jesus Christ as Saviour and each person answered loud and clear, "Yes, I believe with all my heart."

"As each person came out of the baptismal waters, the crowd sang a couplet with a haunting tune. 'That one who believed, that one was baptized,' Mrs. Phillips said. "And I blinked back the tears as I thought what faith and courage it takes to be a Christian in this Communist land."

After the service they were invited to the engagement dinner of a young couple who had given their testimonies

First MSC Orientation In Atlanta

ATLANTA — The first convention-wide orientation for volunteers in the Southern Baptist Mission Service Corps is being held Sept. 17 through 22 in Atlanta.

The training experience for both prospective and assigned volunteers in the convention's program to place 5,000 one and two year volunteers on home and foreign mission fields by 1982 will be held at Pinetree Park Baptist Church on Bethesda Road.

Twenty-eight of the MSC volunteers approved for service are in attendance, some coming from as far as California and Colorado.

They are being trained by Home Mission Board staffers in three areas: evangelism, congregationalizing and personal witnessing.

The orientation will conclude with chapel at the Home Mission Board building and an interview with William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer.

A banquet, featuring Jimmy Allen, Southern Baptist Convention president and pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, will be held Friday night, Sept. 22.

during the baptismal service. Across from the Phillips family sat a government security person or informer. He had led the singing and read the Scripture and taken a major part in the morning worship, yet he was one of the informers in the church. "My heart sank as I tried to understand how a person could play on both teams," Mrs. Phillips said.

Zion To Celebrate 130th Birthday

Zion Church, 2514 Halls Mill Rd., Mobile, Ala., will celebrate its 130th anniversary Sunday, Sept. 24th.

Sunday School will be at 9:45 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., dinner on the grounds at 12 noon, and a short inspirational service following lunch. Bryant Scott is pastor.

It's funny how we never get too old to learn some new way to be stupid.

W. N. Johnson Dies At 73

W. N. Johnson, 73, of Hattiesburg, died Sept. 10 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Memphis after a long illness.

Services were held at Moore Funeral Home with Richard Miley officiating.

A native of Montgomery County, Tenn., Johnson had lived in Hattiesburg since 1936. He served with the Hattiesburg Police Department 1938-1961, including a period as police chief.

At the time of his death he was associate pastor of Richburg Church. Other pastorates he served were Irene Chapel and Southside in the Hattiesburg area and Friendship and Overt in Jones County.

He was a member of the Temple Church, Hattiesburg, for a number of years and was ordained to the ministry there.

He served with the U. S. Army in the Canal Zone, 1922-1926.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Grace Johnson; a son, Robert of Orlando, Fla.; a daughter, Mrs. Beverly Thomas of Honolulu; four grandsons; three sisters; two step-sisters; and one step-brother.

Johnson and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 25, 1977. Their children, Chief Robert M. Johnson, his wife Cleora and two sons, Robbie and Craig Johnson, and their daughter, Beverly, her husband, Dr. Harry M. Thomas, Jr., and two sons, Harry M., III, and Christopher Thomas, were hosts.

targets, but they can be hit because God is at work in the believer with his own power.

In II Peter 1:6, Peter discusses self-control, steadfastness, and godliness. Self-control is to be exercised not only in food and drink but in every aspect of life. It means controlling one's desires instead of being controlled by them. From the habit of self-control springs steadfastness, or endurance. Christians with this temper of mind are unmoved by difficulties. Godliness or reverence is to be added. The word means more than habitual practice of religion; it means a very practical awareness of God in every aspect of one's life.

In II Peter 1:7, Peter discusses brotherly affection and love. From genuine saving faith grows a respect not only for God but also for people. Brotherly affection means simple kindness; it means bearing one another's burdens and guarding fellow believers from gossip and prejudice. It is the demonstration of practical deeds, the "labor of love" that Paul wrote about.

Life and Work Lesson

Facing Life's Tensions

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First Philippians 4:1-23

Life can be unpredictable. You just never know what is going to happen next. When you think you have everything exactly as you want it, something that you don't want comes along, and it's time to start all over again. At least there is no time for a Christian to be bored.

The unpredictability of life is due in part to the unpredictable people we meet, the unpredictable problems we face, and the unpredictable situations we encounter. How do you cope with these? The Scriptures give us guidelines.

Obviously, the Bible cannot tell us exactly what to do in every minute situation — the baby swallows the drain cleaner, the dog is sick on the carpet, the phone rings in the den, the electric blanket has caught fire in the master bedroom. Junior drives the car through the garage doors. The Bible does deal with principles which cover just about everything.

How to Greet Every Situation

The first principle is, "Rejoice in the Lord always" (v. 4). The word "always" is all inclusive. To rejoice in the Lord does not mean to ignore your responsibilities, neither does it mean to evade obvious issues. It means to be fully cognizant of the situation, fully prepared to deal with it responsibly, and fully convinced of the power of the Lord to give you wisdom, grace, and courage to deal with whatever comes along. When He is Lord at the core, joy can result because of His ultimate triumph, the assurance of His benevolent purpose, and the opportunities for spiritual growth that the situation affords.

How to Treat Every Person

Sometimes it is not so much the situations that make our days difficult but the people. They can be difficult! Let your moderation be known unto all men. What does that mean to you? Moderation does not mean lukewarm. I react to that word, moderation, I want to be radical rather than moderate! The word means forbearance, and Matthew Arnold called it, "sweet reasonableness."

Every person is to be treated with sweet reasonableness by Christians. Paul saw the people at Philippi as "my

joy," "my crown," "my dearly beloved." To see people as a joy rather than as a victim for possible exploitation would help all of society.

How can they become "my joy?" So much depends upon understanding the person and analyzing your reactions. Perhaps he is too demanding of your time. If so, tell him (with sweet reasonableness!) even if it hurts. If it is your fault, try again to be clear. There is a joy in people when they are treated correctly and handled God's way.

How to Meet Every Problem

Some people are more susceptible to problems than others, such as colds,

but sooner or later everyone comes up with a problem. Some people make problems pay, and others pay dearly for their problems. Whatever the situation, problems come and have to be dealt with.

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." You will remember the always of rejoicing, the all men of relationship and now the everything of reaction: "Be careful for nothing" does not mean get careless and reckless about everything.

A better translation says, "Don't worry about anything." A state of

chronic anxiety reveals that we are not doing with our anxiety what we ought to do. In the spiritual experience it is intended to stimulate prayer.

There are a number of words used here to describe the activities of prayer. Prayer speaks of communion, worship, and reverence. The prayer which effectively presents problems to the Father is the prayer that sees the Father as God and treats Him with awe.

Supplication contains the thought of need and deep desire for the need to be met. It is apparent that requests for answers to problems should be presented with a great degree of intensity and seriousness if you want Him to deal with them seriously.

Thanksgiving conveys the idea of gratitude. You must be grateful for the

fact that He can share the burden and know the concern of God's loving heart.

There is a superb promise for the problem-plagued soul who handles the problems God's way. The promise is, "and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ." "To keep" does not mean to retain, but to act as a garrison of soldiers; to protect and defend.

A widow whose loved one had been killed spoke of peace when she said, "I never realized what it meant, but now I know how it feels. The peace is beyond understanding."

The peace of God is a garrison of the mind to maintain mental equilibrium and to the heart to give emotional stability.

Uniform Lesson

Expressions Of The Disciplined Life

By Jackie Hamilton Highland, Meridian I Thessalonians 1:2-7 II Peter 1:3-7

In I Thessalonians 1:2-3, the stress is upon the gospel received. Paul frequently began his letters with thanksgiving. Galatians is a striking exception, not a natural in the circumstances. Paul strongly emphasized the duty as well as the privilege of thanksgiving, sometimes explicitly saying so, and sometimes just implying it. It is an act of obedience, a recognition of all God's mercies generally, and a mark of spiritual alertness in that it recognizes answers to prayer when they come.

Paul is the great antagonist of works — but only as a means of justification (Romans 3:28). Works do not count for justification — but they count. Paul can speak of "faith working through love," and even of "keeping the commandments of God." He means in this section under discussion that the Thessalonians had put their trust in Christ, had believed in him and still did so, and that therefore they had worked. More simply, faith works.

The order is first faith, then love; love does not replace faith but expres-

ses it. Labor means work that is energetic and wearisome, toil. It is a paradox of the Christian faith that our Savior calls to him "all who labor," and to the point of weariness, and then inspires them to further toil — though perhaps of a different sort.

The Christian hope is the motive power by which faith continues to work and to toil, even though we encounter stern opposition and feel that we have come to the end of things. The object of hope is Christ.

The triad — faith, love, hope — can be used as a summary of Christianity. Faith looks back to the cross, with all its wealth of meanings; Christians love the brethren in the present; and hope has its eye on the future, sure and certain.

In I Thessalonians 1:4-5, election is demonstrated. The warm affection expressed in "brothers" is deepened by the reference to the love of God. The word "beloved" expresses the abiding result of a past act. The past tense which is used draws our attention to the point of impact of his love — the cross of Christ, the historic place where the love of God was most eloquent. There the words of prophets before him and preachers after him

are gathered up into one great utterance of the Son of God.

God loved; God loves. These two are brought together in the perfect tense: "You have been loved by God" means that "God loved you" and "You are now in the circle of his love."

Paul refers to the fact "that he has chosen you." Literally, "your election." The doctrine of election goes back to ancient Israel. On a broader field all Israel was elected in the fathers (Romans 11:28); on a more narrow scale, part of Israel was elected (Romans 11:5). The supreme example is our Lord himself (Luke 23:35). But he was not only the elect; He himself elected: "You did not choose me, but I chose you." God's choice is God's chooser. There is thus unity between Father and Son.

In I Thessalonians 1:6, affliction is overcome. The word "affliction" is not used of our Lord in the four Gospels, though the English verb is in one of the Servant Songs (Isaiah 53:4). But it is plain for all the world to see that Jesus suffered. Perhaps the best comment is the statement that He "for the joy that was set before him endured the cross," (Hebrews 12:2). Affliction and joy are found together in the churches of

Macedonia and in the life of Paul himself. Affliction is part of the Christian life and supplements the afflictions of Christ in his church.

In II Peter 1:3-4, he discusses those who are guarded. Peter has given us a comprehensive and extraordinary word picture of Jesus Christ. (1) He is power. This is that steady, compulsive dynamis which cannot be defeated or nullified. (2) He is generous. His gifts are freely bestowed for the express purpose of helping us to live a truly religious life. (3) He is the keeper of all God's promises. (4) It is by Jesus Christ that we are able to escape the corruption that is in the world. To walk in companionship with the Lord is to be guided safely away from the contaminating influences of an evil age. (5) He is the one through whom we become partakers of the divine nature. Jesus Christ became what we are so that we might become what He is in character.

In II Peter 1:5, "In virtue and knowledge," God's glory is expressed in daily living. We are to set specific goals in Christian behavior. Nothing here can be construed as coasting through life, waiting to enter heaven on a bed of ease. Peter lists tough